

U.S. Officials Only

SECRET

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY Bulgaria

SUBJECT Troops in Mramor and Mirovanja

PLACE ACQUIRED (BY SOURCE) 25X1A

DATE ACQUIRED (BY SOURCE)

DATE (OF INFO.) Oct 1953

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 18, SECTIONS 793 AND 794, OF THE U.S. CODE, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS REPORT IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

25X1X

REPORT NO. 25X1A

RESPONSIVE TO	
25X1A	2

DATE DISTR. 30 Dec 1953

NO. OF PAGES 1

NO. OF ENCLS.

SUPP. TO
REPORT NO.

1. The villages of Mramor and Mirovanja are 12 or 13 km northwest of Sofia. There were formerly no barracks in either place, but private houses and farm buildings were seized and rebuilt for the purpose. The formations of a refresher training battalion are now stationed there.
2. The battalion is subordinate to the motorized infantry regiment in Sofia. Commander: Major Vangel Vangeloff, 38 years old, an active, professional officer, not a convinced Communist. The staff, 23 to 26 men and 32 instructors, is in Mramor. The 1st Rifle Company, 85 to 88 men, is in Mramor. Commander: Lt. Lotjev, whose real name is unknown, a Communist activist. The 2nd Rifle Company, 80 to 83 men, is in Mramor. Commander: Lt. Ivan Darkoff, 27 years old, not an active Communist. The 3rd Rifle Company, 80 to 85 men, is in Mirovanja. The heavy weapons company, 84 to 88 men, is in Mramor.
3. The battalion is called a motorized unit, but cars have not been observed at any time, except for 12 or 14 jeeps and five Soviet trucks belonging to the quarter-master department.
4. A typical rifle company is armed with 60 to 65 rifles of Czech origin, 5 to 8 pistols, 4 or 5 Soviet machine-pistols, 3 Soviet light machine guns, 1 AA machine gun, one 50 mm mortar, one 82 mm mortar, one 76.2 AT gun.
5. Reservists of the 1925 to 1928 classes are trained by the unit. They come from the Plovdiv and Vratsa districts, and have seen service in the infantry or armored units. Training methods are good, if not outstanding. The men show little enthusiasm. The training includes operations with tanks, but there are no actual tanks, only jeeps marked as such.

LIBRARY SUBJECT & AREA CODES

- end -

238.2 20M

U.S. Officials Only

SECRET

DISTRIBUTION	STATE	ARMY	NAVY	AIR	FBI						
--------------	-------	------	------	-----	-----	--	--	--	--	--	--

This report is for the use within the USA of the intelligence components of the Departments or Agencies indicated above. It is not to be transmitted overseas without the concurrence of the originating office through the Assistant Director of the Office of Collection and Dissemination.